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B May 1938

General and Revenue Secretariat.

Confidential Branch.

SUBJECT ....

Contents of Mr. N. Sundaram's dispatch Commissioner's duty as Superintendent, Land Records in attempting to obtain from Soviet Russia certain printed literature by devious methods.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
C.R. 74-37-1 (C.C. No. 9 of 37-38	C.R. 183-37-3 (5, 6, 7
L.R. 340-37-142	Ch. 98/18/52-1
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General and Revenue Secretariat

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Serial No.

Letters from the Residency re: the conduct of Mr. N. S. Iyengar in attempting to obtain proscribed literature by devious methods.

As instructed by the Dewan, Mr. N. S. Iyengar w asked to see the Dewan in the matter, and he accordi waited on the Dewan yesterday afternoon.

The Dewan questioned Mr. N. S. Iyengar as to whether, or not, he was writing to various agencies in Soviet Russia for supply of journals and books which had been prohibited entry into British India. He w also asked whether he had written to his brother Mr. N Raghunath, to smuggle some proscribed books into Indi Mr. N. S. Iyengar denied having done either of the ab things. The Dewan enquired if Mr. N. S. Iyengar wou resign the service if the allegations were true. Mr. N. S. Iyengar kept silent. The Dewan told him that his information regarding the matters referred t above was from a very reliable source and that if the allegations were found to be true he may have to quit the service. Mr. N. S. Iyengar said that he was pre pared to stand the test.

Draft of a letter to the Residency (asking for copies of the letters alleged to have been written by Mr. N. S. Iyengar) is put up for approval, as personall directed.

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WD 0284—GPB—30,000—13-8-37

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In view of this letter of the Acharya Raj will this be kept, it is necessary to circ. to the AICB as proposed.

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Circulate
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For Disposal at a meeting.

No. C. 479

1937-38

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

Subject

(clause.....of the schedule)

Notice to be taken of the conduct of Mr. N. Sundararaja Iyengar, Superintendent, Land Records, in attempting to obtain from Russia proscribed books by devious methods.

Circulated to the Members of Council.

By Order,

22nd April 1938.

Chief Secretary to Government.

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First Member of Council. JPS 23/4

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Second Member of Council. Seen by Member. (Please see note sheet).

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Extract from the Proceedings of the 958th *Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Bangalore on the* 25th April 1938. *19* .

40. Subject. -

Notice to be taken of the conduct of Mr. N. Sundararaja Iyengar, Superintendent, Land Records, in attempting to obtain from Russia proscribed books by devious methods.

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

In view of the fact that Mr. N. Sundararaja Iyengar has uttered a deliberate falsehood and of his previous history, he may be compulsorily retired from service.

(Signed) MIRZA M. ISMAIL,

Dewan of Mysore.

"EXTRACT"

Chief Secretary to Government.

WD 1471—GPB—2,000—1-3-21

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Re: Re Conduct of Mrs N.S. Sundaraja Iyengar
Land Records

General and Revenue Secretariat | File No. | of 193 | [App. F. III—2

Serial No.

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26-4-38

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WD 0284—GPB—30,000—18-9-37

Submitted to His Highness.

During the last two months the Residency have been bringing to the notice of this Government instances of communications addressed by Mr. N. Sundararaja Iyengar, Deputy Commissioner, doing duty as Superintendent, Land Records, to Soviet Russia in regard to supply of certain journals etc., which are prohibited entry into India. In the latest letter, dated 19th April 1938 from the Residenc it is further intimated that Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar has written to his brother Mr. N.V. Raghunath, who is an employee of this Government specially deputed to Germany for higher Ceramic studies, asking him to buy certain prohibited books stated to contain "such refreshing ideas for the redemption of the nation from its present day self-imposed fetters", and to smuggle them into India on his return or to send them by a safe method. In the same letter, Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar has also urged Mr. Raghunath to visit Russia.

Enquiries made go to show that Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar is a bachelor who spends his spare time in reading all kinds of literature. He was personally sent for by me and questioned in the presence of the Chief Secretary (Mr. B.T. Kesavaiengar) on 20th instant. At that time he totally denied having written such letters, even though I warned him to come out with the truth. (Vide notes of interview recorded by the Chief Secretary). After thinking about it further, he, however, has sent me a letter in which he has admitted having written the communications under advertence and pleaded that he was confused during the personal interview with me and a fear of bringing his brother into trouble made him unwilling to admit his error.

It is probable that his interest in communist literature is only of an academic nature, but he has shown himself to be utterly reckless in the methods he adopted to satisfy his curiosity and has not even hesitated to inveigle his brother - also a Government servant deputed by Government for study in foreign countries - and has attempted to induce him to do improper acts.

He has been in the past censured, more than once, for his improper conduct and the punishment inflicted on him seems to have had no effect upon him.

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Submitted to H. H. (contd.)

Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar has been a most difficult officer from the very beginning of his service. He is a tactless, unreliable, and bad-tempered man - an abnormal man altogether. It is most undesirable to allow such men to remain in service, especially when they occupy, as this officer does, a responsible position.

The course of action to be taken in regard to his conduct in this case was considered at a meeting of the Council held on 25th April 1938 and the following resolution was recorded:-

> "In view of the fact that Mr. N. Sundararaja Iyengar has uttered a deliberate falsehood and of his previous history, he may be compulsorily retired from service."

Gracious sanction of His Highness is solicited to the above resolution.

Mirza M. Ismail

DEWAN.

Bangalore,
27th April 1938.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Conduct of Mr. N.Sundararaja Iyengar, Deputy Commissioner,* doing duty as Superintendent, Land Records in attempting to obtain from Soviet Russia certain proscribed literature by devious methods.

Order.

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28/4/38

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General and Revenue
Secretariat.

SUBJECT :—

Contract of Mr. N. Sundararaja Iyengar, Deputy Commissioner, during duty as Superintendent, Land Records in attempting to obtain from Soviet Russia certain proscribed literature by devious methods

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31. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Members of Council for perusal after the issue of orders.

33. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Members.

34. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Members of Council at Headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

Circulated to Members of Council for perusal of His Highness' orders before/after issue of orders.* (*Vide* Rules 31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure.)

Chief Secretary to Government.

Through the Secretary to Government,

..... Department.

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SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 3/5/38

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WD 1170—GPB—1,000—24-12-36

Serial No.

Under Art 223 of the M.S.R., an Officer removed from service for misconduct is not, ordinarily, entitled to the grant of pension. But in deserving cases, compassionate allowance may be granted provided that this allowance shall not exceed two thirds of the pension which would have been admissible if the officer had been retired on medical certificate. There are however, some cases in which it was considered that premature retirement would by itself be a sufficient punishment and that deduction in the proportion pension admissible for the service put in by the officers was not necessary.

"X" & "Y" — Vide, Confl. Collection 8 5-31 — re. retirement of Messrs H.V. Krishna Rao and P. N. Krishnamurthi Naidu, A.S.P.

A — L.R. Cir. 240-35. re. retirement of Mr. M. S. Shamanna, Accountant

"W" — Confl. Coll. 9-37 - re. retirement of Mr. M. Karim, Surgeon.

It is for consideration whether the concession shown to the officers mentioned above may not be extended to Mr. N.S. Iyengar also and whether he may not be granted such pension as may be admissible for the service put in by him with out

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WD 0234—GPB—30,000—13-8-37

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Orders regarding under the provisions of Rule 223 of the M.S.R.,

Draft G.O. is put up for approval or other orders.

May be appd

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Typed copies of the draft as also a letter to Mr Anantaraman to arrange for the immediate relief of Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar are put up.

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G.O. No. 355-2-55 | C.B. 183-37-1 dated 6-5-1938

To. The Revenue Commissioner for Mysore

The Commr. for Settlement and Land Records

The Comptroller to Govt.

Direct that Mr. N. Sundararaja Iyengar be compulsorily retired from service on such pension as may be admissible.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S 4 MAY 1938 GOVT. OF MYSORE

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Strictly Confidential
D.O.No.F.33/1938.

Bangalore, 23rd February 1938.

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THE RESIDENCY MYSORE

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For perusal
MK 23/2

1st Secretary Dewan

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Information has been received that N.S. Ayyangar of "Gowri Shankar", 172 Third Main Street, Chamarajapet, Bangalore City, has written to the Workers' Bookshop, 49 Faringdon Road, London, E.C.1 asking to be enrolled as a subscriber to the following newspapers of the Left Book Club :-

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(I.G.P. to see)

1. Labour Monthly.
2. Daily Worker.
3. Tribune.

Nos 1 and 2 are prohibited entry into British India and orders have been issued for their detention if they are found in the post.

2. He has also written to the editors of "The Moscow Daily News", "The Pravda" and "Isvestia", Moscow, U.S.S.R., asking for particulars about these papers.

3. I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be maintained.

Yours sincerely,

(For Mr. Trevelyan).

B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Draft D.O. to D.G. of Police sub'd

MK 2.3.38

No. 231 dated 2-3-1938

To The Inspector General of Police.

Forwards a copy of the Resy letter for information.

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WD 0284—GPB—30,000—18-4-37

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23rd February 1938.

ORDER UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE INDIAN POST OFFICE ACT 1898.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

o r d e r.

Whereas it appears to the Hon'ble the Resident that in the interest of public safety and tranquillity the postal article described below, viz:-

> all packages containing the "Labour Monthly" and "Daily Worker" newspapers addressed to N.S. Ayyangar of "Gowri Shankar", 172 Third Main Street, Chamarajapet, Bangalore City

should be intercepted and detained.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Governor General in Council under section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act 1898, the Resident is pleased to direct that any postal article of the said description shall, in the course of its transmission by post in the Mysore State, be intercepted.

This order will remain in force for a period of three months from this date.

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Mysore.
2. The Postmaster, Bangalore.
3. The Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysore Division.
4. The Postmaster General, Madras.

Serial No.

D.O. Letter No. 33/1938 from the Secy to the Resident, intimating that one S.S. Iyengar has written to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain thanking them for a receipt for 10S. wishing the party & the movement success & requesting for particulars of the identity and antecedents of the Writer.

Subd

The papers relating to the compulsory retirement of mr N. Sundararaja Iyengar, from service, are put up.

It is for orders whether a copy of the letter from the Residency may be sent to the Inspector General of Police for a report. Subd with draft

KMR
27/5/38

Issue
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No. 4038 dated 30/5/38

The Inspector General of Police

Requests to send a report in the matter

Letter No. S.B. 493/37-38 dated 3rd [illegible] 193[illegible] from the Inspector-General of Police, stating that there is no person by name S.S. Iyengar residing [illegible] Street House and that Mr N.S. Iyengar is residing there & that the S.S. Iyengar is identical with N.S. Iyengar.

Subd

The Inspector General of Police reports that the

Subd.

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General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No.

name of S.S. Iyengar is identical with that of Mr N.S. Iyengar, late Superintendent of Land Records. Mr N.S. Iyengar has been compulsory retired from service in view of his having attempted to get some prescribed literature from Europe, besides and also in view of his unsatisfactory conduct. The incident referred to in Residency letter, may perhaps be one of his actions for which he has already been punished.

It is for consideration whether the Residency may be intimated that the incident referred to has already been dealt with and that no further action is called for.

for order

Copy of Ltr of 16th may be forwarded to the Resy in reply

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K.N.R. 8/6/38

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CHIEF [illegible] SECRETARY
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GOVT. OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat | File No. | of 193 | [App. F. III–

Serial No.	
3	No. 4406 dated 8/6/38 From Secy to the Resident Forwards a copy of the letter received from the Inspector-General of Police

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2nd March 8

No. 2311 | CB 15-37-140
Enc 1

Strictly confidential.

I am desired to enclose herein for your information a copy of D.O. letter No.[illegible].33/1938 dated 23rd February 1938 and its enclosure received from the Residency.

F.A.Hamilton, Esqr., C.I.E.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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Strictly Confidential.

Copy of D. O. letter No.F.33/1938 dated 23rd February 1938 from the Secretary to the Resident, to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore.

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Information has been received that N. S. Ayyangar of "Gowri Shankar", 172 Third Main Street, Chamarajapet, Bangalore City, has written to the Workers' Bookshop, 49 Faringdon Road, London, E.C.1 asking to be enrolled as a subscriber to the following newspapers of the Left Book Club :-

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2. He has also written to the editors of "The Moscow Daily News", "The Pravda" and "Isvestia", Moscow, U.S.S.R., asking for particulars about these papers.

3. I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be maintained.

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" C o p y "

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Confidential. 23rd February 1938.

ORDER UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE INDIAN POST OFFICE ACT 1898.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

O R D E R .

Whereas it appears to the Hon'ble the Resident that in the interest of public safety and tranquility the postal article described below, viz.,

> all packages containing the "Labour Monthly" and "Daily Worker" newspapers addressed to N.S. Ayyangar of "Gowri Shankar", 172 Third Main Street, Chamarajapet, Bangalore City

should be intercepted and detained.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Governor General in Council under section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act 1898, the Resident is pleased to direct that any postal article of the said description shall, in the course of its transmission by post in the Mysore State, be intercepted.

This order will remain in force for a period of three months from this date.

(Sd.)

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Mysore.
2. The Postmaster, Bangalore.
3. The Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysore Division.
4. The Postmaster General, Madras.

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" Copy."

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Strictly Confidential
D.O.No.F.33/1938.

Bangalore, 2nd April 1938.

My dear Kowaiengar.

In continuation of my strictly confidential demi-official letter No.F.33/1938, dated the 23rd February 1938, I am desired to say that information has been received that on the 22nd March N.S. Ayyangar wrote to Mezhdunarodnaya Kriga Antiquariat, Kuznitsky, Most 18 Moscow, U.S.S.R informing them that he had sent postal orders for £.3/3/0 to Messrs. W.H. Smith & Son Ltd., London, as one year's subscriptions from the 1st April 1938 to :-

1. Moscow News.
2. Soviet Land.
3. Moscow Daily News and International Literature.
4. U.S.S.R. In Construction.
5. Economic Survey.

Nos 1 to 4 have been prohibited entry into British India and orders have been issued for their detention if they are found in the post.

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2. I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be maintained.

Yours Sincerely.

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For perusal.
N.S. Ayyangar referred to in his communication is Mr. V. Sundaram, Land Survey Supdt. The I.G.P. said he would send a report in this matter. A copy of this letter will be sent to the I.G.P. with a request to expedite his report.

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(Copy sent)

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B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Extraordinary.

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CS 15-37-158

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No.F.33/1938.

2nd April 1938.

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CS 15-38-139 (1)

Order under section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898.

Proceedings of the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

O R D E R.

Whereas it appears to the Hon'ble the Resident that in the interest of public safety and tranquillity the postal article described below, viz:-

> all packages containing the "Moscow News", "Soviet Land", "Moscow Daily News and International Literature" and "U.S.S.R In Construction" addressed to N.S. Ayyangar of "Gowri Shankar", 172 Third Main Street, Chamarajapet, Bangalore City

should be intercepted and detained.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Governor General in Council under section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act 1898, the Resident is pleased to direct that any postal article of the said descrption shall, in the course of its transmission by post in the Mysore State, be intercepted.

This order will remain in force for a period of three months from this date.

Secretary to the Resident in Mysore.

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Mysore.
2. The Postmaster, Bangalore.
3. The Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysore Division.
4. The Postmaster General, Madras.

~~Staff Officer for direct to the G.O.P~~
~~are Asked~~
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Submitted for Royal Perusal

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Perused and returned with compliments
and thanks

Gladstone

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Confidential 7th April 1938.

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ORDER UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE INDIAN POST OFFICE ACT, 1898.

Proceedings of the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

O R D E R.

Whereas it appears to the Hon'ble the Resident that in the interest of public safety and tranquillity the postal article described below, viz:-

> all packages containing "Russia to-day" addressed to N.S. Ayyangar of "Gowri Shankar", 172 Third Main Street, Chamarajapet, Bangalore City

should be intercepted and detained.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Governor General in Council under section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act 1898, the Resident is pleased to direct that any postal article of the said description shall, in the course of its transmission by post in the Mysore State, be intercepted.

This order will remain in force for a period of three months from this date.

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Secretary to the Resident in Mysore

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Mysore, Bangalore.
2. The Postmaster, Bangalore.
3. The Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysore Division.
4. The Postmaster General, Madras.

For perusal.

Sir
Dewan

7.4.38

Is the CP's report received

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13-4-38

What a shame that an officer of the status of the Chief Secretary should have been guilty of such an act! H.E.H.'s upset must be terrible.

SECRET.

D.O. No. SB 493/37-8.

CB 2056

CS 15-37-162

BANGALORE

F. A. HAMILTON, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

7th April 1938

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OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.
16 APR. 1938
No. 7746

Dear Mr.Kesavaiengar,

2311/C.B.15-37-140

With reference to your D.O.No. [illegible] dated 2nd March 1938 and a subsequent telephone message sent to my Personal Assistant, I write to inform you that it has been reported that the individual, Mr.N.S. Iyengar referred to in the letter, is the Survey Superintendent of the Revenue Survey Department of Mysore. He is still a bachelor and spends most of his time in reading journals published in foreign places. He does not take any active part in doing propaganda work or anything of that nature. He is reported to be a man reserved in nature; does not meet friends; and his only hobby being the study of literatures. His interest in socialist and communist books is reported to be of recent origin.

For perusal.

Yours sincerely,

1st member
2nd member
Dewan
He may be warned not to send proscribed books
9.4.38
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To
H. T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Confidential:

Copy of No.F.33/1938, dated 2nd April 1938 received from the Residency.

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Order under section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898.

Proceedings of the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

O R D E R :-

Whereas it appears to the Hon'ble the Resident that in the interest of public safety and tranquillity the postal article described below, viz:-

> all packages containing the "Moscow News", "Soviet Land", "Moscow Daily News and International Literature" and "U.S.S.R. In Construction" addressed to N. S. Ayyangar of "Gowri Shankar", 172 Third Main Street, Chamarajapet, Bangalore City

should be intercepted and detained.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Governor General in Council under section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act 1898, the Resident is pleased to direct that any postal article of the said description shall, in the course of its transmission by post in the Mysore State, be intercepted.

This order will remain in force for a period of three months from this date.

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(Sd.) H. Trevelyan,
Secy. to the Resident
in Mysore.

Memo No. 2858
C3/15-31-

General and Revenue Secretariat,
Bangalore, 6th 7th April 1938.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore for information in continuation of the Chief Secretary's Confl. D.O.letter No.2311/C.B.15-37-140 dated 2nd March 1938.

By order,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

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9th April 1938

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Encl

Strictly confidential.

Dear Mr. Hamilton

In continuation of my D. O. letter No.2311/C.B. 15-37-140 dated 2nd March 1938, I am desired to enclose for your information a copy of a D.O. letter since received from the Residency regarding certain papers ordered by Mr. N. S. Ayyangar from U.S.S.R.

Yours sincerely,

F. A. Hamilton, Esqr., C.I.E.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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Strictly confidential.

Copy of D.O. letter No.F.33/1938 dated 2nd April 1938 from the Residency.

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In continuation of my strictly confidential demi-official letter No. F.33/1938, dated the 23rd February 1938, I am desired to say that information has been received that on the 22nd March N. S. Ayyangar wrote to Mezhdunarodnaya Kriga Antiquariat, Kuznitsky, Most 18 Moscow, U.S.S.R informing them that he had sent postal orders for £3/3/0 to Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son Ltd., London, as one year's subscriptions from the 1st April 1938 to :-

1. Moscow News.
2. Soviet Land.
3. Moscow Daily News and International Literature.
4. U.S.S.R. In Construction.
5. Economic Survey.

Nos.1 to 4 have been prohibited entry into British India and orders have been issued for their detention if they are found in the post.

2. I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be maintained.

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" Copy."

Chief Secretary to Government.

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Strictly Confidential
D.O.No.F.33/1938.

Bangalore, 19th April 1938.

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My dear Mr. Viswanigar,

In continuation of my strictly confidential demi-official letter No.F.33/1938, dated the 2nd April 1938, I am desired to say that information has been received that N.S. Ayyangar wrote to N.V. Rangunath, B.A., B.S., Porcelain Expert, The Chemisher Laberatmum, Fun Toninoustrin, Dreysestrosse 4, Berlin N.W, 21 Germany, to whom a passport was issued by this Residency on the 30th July 1937, on the recommendation of the Mysore Government, asking him to buy the following books in London and to smuggle them into India on the latter's return, or to send them by safe method:-

1. The Theory and Practice of Socialism.
2. The Coming Struggle for Power.
3. The Menace of Fascism

by John Strachey and

4. The White Sahibs in India

by Reginald Reynolds.

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2. All these books are prohibited entry into British India, hence his request to smuggle them through; he is eager to read them as they contain "such refreshing ideas for the redemption of the nation from its present day self-imposed fetters". In case the books are sent through the post, orders have been issued for their detention if they are found in the post.

3. In the same letter he urges Ragunath to visit Russia.

4. I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be maintained.

Yours sincerely,

for Mr. Trevelyan.

B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

For perusal. It is time Mr N.S. Iyengar was sent for and seriously warned. He is drawing in to his meshes his brother Raghunath. The Resident's use of the Passport issued at our instance is significant.

Dewan
1st member
2nd member

19-4-38

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Confidential 19th April 1938.

Order under section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898.

Proceedings of the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore - O R D E R.

Whereas it appears to the Hon'ble the Resident that in the interest of public safety and tranquillity the postal article described below, viz:-

> all packages containing "The Theory and Practice of Socialism", "The Coming Struggle for Power", "The Menace of Fascism" by John Strachey and "The White Sahibs in India" by Reginald Reynolds, addressed to N.S. Ayyangar of "Gowri Shankar", 172 Third Main Street, Chamarajpet, Bangalore City

should be intercepted and detained.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Governor General in Council under section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act 1898, the Resident is pleased to direct that any postal article of the said description shall in the course of its transmission by post in the Mysore State, be intercepted.

This order will remain in force for a period of three months from this date.

for Secretary to the Resident.

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Mysore.
2. The Postmaster, Bangalore.
3. The Postmaster General, Madras.

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19th April 1938

Dear Mr. S. Sundararaja Iyengar

I am desired to request you to kindly meet the Dewan in his Chambers at the Public Offices tomorrow (Wednesday the 20th instant) after 6 p.m.

Y. S.

N. Sundararaja Iyengar, Esq., B.A.,
Superintendent, Land Records & Survey,
Bangalore.

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Gowri Shankar
172 2nd Main Street
Chamarajapet
Bangalore city
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Private & confidential

Respected Sir

In the interview which you were pleased to grant me yesterday, in reply to your queries whether I had asked my brother to visit Russia & whether I had asked him to bring certain proscribed books along with him when he returned, I in my confusion & utter surprise at the fact of my private correspondence having been tampered with, told you that I did not do so, as I was apprehensive that my brother's prospects might be adversely affected thereby. I remember my brother.

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I was present when Mr N. S. Iyengar interviewed the Dewan.

His brother's future was no excuse for letting a deliberate falsehood. as a matter of fact, the fact that Mr N. S. Iyengar wrote & his brother could not have influenced the Govt. to punish the brother who was innocent. The Dewan was pleased to give two chances to Mr Iyengar to correct himself. Even in this letter Mr Iyengar is more concerned at the leakage of his correspondence than with his own prevaricating behaviour.

having told me before his departure that M Reitz, Ceramic expert, had wished for him a visit to Russian ceramic factories for a short period in the first itinerary. Subsequently it seems to have been dropped. It was only curiosity that made me write to his secretary ago to pay a flying visit to Russia. to see its industrial development, particularly its Ceramic portion, as I had read Science & Industry in Soviet Russia by Crowther, which is a very interesting book. It was intellectual curiosity Again that made me write to my brother to bring certain prescribed books. Then books are all on economics & sociology. I, as a student of economics & sociology wanted to know what they contained. This is all the intention I had in writing

at this is irrelevant. The question put was a simple one viz whether or not he had done what had been alleged against him. To this there was a flat denial even at the risk of forfeiting his post. Please see my note of what took place at the interview. The Dewan made it clear that his informant was absolutely reliable and asked Mr W.S. Iyengar if he would resign in case the truth of the allegation was proved. He seemed to accept the challenge.

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about these two matters to my brother sometime ago. B I (60 received no acknowledgement from him in respect of these letters for sometime past I naturally suspected that they might have been tampered with. Now I see that my suspicion is well founded.

This again is incoherent. It is surely a matter of the Director Concerned.

I am extremely sorry therefore for my wrong statements which were to you yesterday entirely due to my being thoroughly upset on the spur of the moment. I beg to tender my unconditional apology to you in the matter and crave your pardon for my lapse in this respect. I am extremely sorry that such a thing should have happened

The above, I think, is the correct position.

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With profound respect I am
Yours obediently

N. S. Iyengar

Superintendent of Survey
in Mysore.

Bangalore

To

Sir Mirza Ismail K.C.I.E.
O.B.E

Dewan of Mysore
Carlton House

Bangalore

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STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

My dear Trevelyan,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letters noted in the margin in regard to the correspondence which Mr. N.S. Iyengar is reported to be carrying on, with a view to obtain certain proscribed books and literature relating to Soviet Russia.

1. D.ONo. F. 33/1938 dated 23rd February 1938.
2. D.O.No.F. 38/1938 dated 2nd April 1938.
3. D.O. No.F.33/1938 dated 19th April 1938.

In this connection, I am to state that Mr. N. S. Iyengar referred to in your letter is an officer of this Government and he is a bachelor who spends most of his spare time in reading journals and books published in foreign countries. His interest in socialist and communist literature is reported to be of recent origin. In view of the statement in your latest letter that Mr. N. S. Iyengar has written to Mr. N. V. Raghunath to smuggle certain books into India on the latter's return and is adopting devious methods to obtain proscribed literature, Government intend taking disciplinary action against the officer, if the allegations are substantiated. Without divulging the source of information, Mr. Iyengar was asked to state whether or not he was in correspondence with Soviet Russia and whether he had written to his brother to smuggle any proscribed books into India. He denied knowledge of having done so.

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I am to add that the Mysore Government will be obliged if you can kindly obtain copies of the letters stated to have been written by Mr. N. S. Iyengar in this connection, so as to facilitate further enquiries being made and a definite finding being arrived at regarding the ~~culpability~~ misdemeanours of the officer.

I am also to convey the assurance that the information supplied will be treated as Strictly Confidential.

Yours sincerely,

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To

H. Trevelyan, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore.

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2nd May 1938.

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Order under section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act 1 8 9 8.

Proceedings of the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

O R D E R.

Whereas it appears to the Hon'ble the Resident that in the interest of public safety and tranquillity the postal article described below, viz:-

> all packages containing "The Monthly Review" of the Trade Delegation of the U.S.S.R Aldwych, London, addressed to N.S. Ayyangar of "Gowri Shankar" 172 Third Main Street, Chamarajpet, Bangalore City

should be intercepted and detained.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Governor General in Council under section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act 1898, the Resident is pleased to direct that any postal article of the said description shall in the course of its transmission by post in the Mysore State, be intercepted.

This order will remain in force for a period of three months from this date.

for Secretary to the Resident.

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Mysore.
2. The Postmaster, Bangalore.
3. The Postmaster General, Madras.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 4 MAY 1938 No. 8353

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Proceedings of the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Order C.S. 183-37-1
D. 6/5/38

Instances have been brought to the notice of Govt., of Communications addressed by Mr. N. Sundararaja Iyengar, Deputy Commissioner, doing duty as Superintendent of Land Records, to Soviet Russia in regard to supply of certain journals etc., which are prohibited entry into India. It is also understood that he has written to his brother Mr. N. V. Raghunath, who is an employee of the Mysore Govt. specially deputed to Germany for higher studies in Ceramics, asking him to buy certain proscribed books stated (by

Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar) to Captain
"such refreshing ideas for the
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present day self-imposed fetters",
and to smuggle them into India
on his return or to send them
by a safe method. When
he was questioned orally whether
or not he was writing to the
Soviet agencies in Soviet Russia
for supply of proscribed literature
and whether he had written to
his brother Mr Raghunath as
above, he totally denied having
done so, even though he was warned
to come out with the truth.
Subsequently,
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in several
letters, he admitted having
written the Communications
in evidence. Mr.
Sundararaja Iyengar has thus
shown himself to be utterly
unscrupulous in the methods he
adopted to satisfy his curiosity

and has not even hesitated to
involve his brother - also a
Govt. servant deputed by
Govt. for study in foreign
Countries - and has attempted
to induce him to do improper
acts.

His past record has also
been not satisfactory. He has
been censured more than once
for his improper conduct and
the punishment inflicted on him
seems to have had no effect
upon him. Besides, Mr.
Sundararaja Iyengar is a tactless
unreliable and bad tempered
man and Govt. consider that it
is most undesirable to allow
such a person to remain
in service any longer. They accordingly
direct that he be compulsorily

retired from service (~~with effect~~ } subject to approval
~~from the date of his retirement~~ }

such pension as may be admissible for the service put in by him without any reduction under the provisions of Art 223 of the K.S.R..

Chief Secretary to Govt.
Vs

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
The Commissioner for Settlement and Land Records
The Comptroller to Govt.

This may be considered when the pension papers come up

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~~Reader~~ O R D E R No. 3552-55/CS 183-37-1

Dated, Bangalore, the 6th May 1938.

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Instances have been brought to the notice of Government of communications addressed by Mr. N. Sundararaja Iyengar, Deputy Commissioner, doing duty as Superintendent of Land Records, to Soviet Russia in regard to supply of certain journals etc., which are prohibited entry into India. It is also understood that he has written to his brother Mr. N. V. Raghunath, who is an employee of the Mysore Government specially deputed to Germany for higher studies in Ceramics, asking him to buy certain proscribed books stated (by Mr. Sundaraja Iyengar) to contain "such refreshing ideas for the redemption of the nation from its present day self-imposed fetters", and to smuggle them into India on his return or to send them by a safe method. When he was questioned orally whether or not he was writing to the various agencies in Soviet Russia for supply of proscribed literature and whether he had written to his brother Mr. Raghunatha as above, he totally denied having done so even though he was warned to come out with the truth. Subsequently, however, he admitted having written the communications under advertance. Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar has thus shown himself to be utterly reckless in the methods he adopted to satisfy his curiosity and has not even hesitated to inveigle his brother - also a Government servant deputed by Government for study in foreign countries - and has attempted to induce him to do improper acts.

His past record has also been not satisfactory. He has been censured more than once for his ~~xx~~ improper conduct and the punishment inflicted on him seems to have had no effect upon him. Besides, Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar is a tactless, unreliable and bad tempered man and Government consider that it is most undesirable to allow such a person

to remain in service any longer. They accordingly direct that he be compulsorily retired from service on such pension as may be admissible.

Offg. Chief Secretary to Govt.

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The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
" Commissioner for Settlement and Land Records.
" Comptroller to Government.
Mr. N. Sundararaja Iyengar.

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6th May 1938

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Dear Sir,

In forwarding herewith a copy of Govt. Order issued to-day regarding the retirement of Mr. N. Sundararaja Iyengar, Superintendent, Land Records, Survey & Settlement, I am desired to request you to kindly arrange for his immediate relief.

Yours sincerely,

K. V. Anantaraman, Esqr., B.A.,
Commissioner for Settlement & Land Records,
Bangalore.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
MAY 1938
No. 1681

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'Gowri Shankar'
172, Third Main Street,
Chamarajapet,
Bangalore City.
7th May 1938

Most Respected Sir,

I am in the receipt of G.O.3552-55/C.B.183-370 dated 6th May 1938, ordering my compulsory retirement for reasons stated therein. This has come as a bolt from the blue to my family particularly to my aged father. I have put in a little over twenty-two years of service. During all this period, I have tried my level best to discharge my duties most faithfully in the best interests of Government. I am neither a seditionist, nor a communist nor a socialist. I may be permitted to state that I distinctly remember never to have used any such phraseology as is contained in the Government Order in inverted commas, about the said books, in my letter, to my brother. My only hobby is reading as a form of intellectual exercise. In view of the vast mass of literature produced on Fascism and Communism, the two rival world cults, I thought I might get some book on them and read them for my own private satisfaction. I thought I might subscribe for some Russian papers too, to know their views in the matter. I did not know that the Russian papers are prohibited entry into India. If I had known it I should not have incurred the risk of getting them at the cost of my appointment.

Permit me to state Sir, that as a result of this Government Order I and my family stand to be ruined completely beyond any chance of repair. In the circumstances set forth above, I most humbly beg that Government might be pleased to restore me and allow me to serve my full term. Permit me to assure you, Sir, that I shall never give any room whatever for any displeasure

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on the part of Government in respect of me as regards my acts during the rest of my service.

I beg to remain,

Most respected Sir,

Your obedient servant,

V.S. Iyengar

Superintendent of Land Records
in Mysore.

To

Amin-ul-Mulk
Sir Mirza Mahamed Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., etc.

Dewan of Mysore,

B a n g a l o r e.

SECRET
D.O.No.33/1938

Bangalore,
27th May 1938.

Dear Mr. Ramaswami.

I am desired to inform you that S.S. Iyengar, 'Gowri Shankar', 172 Third Main Street, Chamarajpet, Bangalore City, has written to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain thanking them for a receipt for 10S. and wishing the party and the movement success. Colonel Gordon would be grateful for particulars of the identity and antecedents of the writer. Is he identical with N.S. Ayyangar of the same address about whom there has recently been correspondence ?

Yours sincerely,

H.V. Ramasvami, Esq., M.A., B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Secret.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to forward herewith copy of Secret D.O. letter No.33/1938 dated the 27th May 1938 from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, requesting to know the identity and antecedents of one "S. S.Iyengar" who has been reported to be carrying on correspondence with the Communist Party of Great Britain.

I am to request that a report in the matter may kindly be sent to Govt. early for being furnished to the Residency.

Yours sincerely,

Offg. Chief Secy.

F.A.Hamilton, Esqr., C.I.E.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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D.O. No. SB 493/37-8

A. HAMILTON, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

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BANGALORE
CS 183-37—
June 3, 1938.

Dear Mr.Ramasvami,

With reference to your D.O.No.4038/C.B. 183-37 of the 28th May last, I write to inform you that it has been reported that there is no person by name S.S.Iyengar residing in "Gowri Shankar" house. Mr.N.S.Iyengar is residing there and the name of S.S.Iyengar is identical with Mr.N.S.Iyengar, referred to in my D.O. letter No.S.B.493/37-8 dated the 7th April 1938.

Yours sincerely,

H. V. Ramasvami, Esq., M.A., B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter No.33/1938 dated 27th May 1938, re: particulars of identity and antecedents of one S.S. Iyengar, "Gowri Shankar" 172, Third Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore City, I am desired to forward herewith a copy of letter received from the Inspector General of Police, Mysore intimating that there is no such person residing in "Gowri Shankar" house and that the name of S.S. Iyengar is identical with Mr. N.S. Iyengar, who is residing there.

Yours sincerely,

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H. Trevelyan, Esqr., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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D.O.No.F.38/1938.

Bangalore, 13th September 1938.

For perusal.
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My dear Kesavaiengar,

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Will you please refer to the correspondence ending with your demi-official letter No.4106/C.H.9 dated the 8th June 1938, regarding N.S. Iyengar.

2. Information has been received that he has sent a year's subscription for the quarterly journal "Civil Liberties" to the Secretary of the National Council of Civil Liberties, Morely House, 320 Regent Street, London, W.1. This publication is prohibited entry into India and an order has been issued for its detention if any copies are found in the post.

3. I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be maintained.

Yours sincerely,
A.R. Iyengar

R.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Strictly Confidential.
D.O.No.F.21/1939.

Bangalore, 23rd January 1939.

C.S. 183-37-E

OFFICE OF THE
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My dear Kesavaiengar,

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I am desired to say that N.S. Ayyangar, last referred to in my demi-official letter No.F.33/1938, dated the 13th September 1938, has written to the Workers' Bookshop 49 Farrington Road, London, saying that he had received the three books ordered in his letter dated the 6th November 1938 and enquiring in how many volumes "The History of the Civil War" edited by Joseph Stalin was to be published. He had received the first volume and enquired when the next would follow. This is a prohibited book and an order has been issued for its detention if any copies are found in the post.

2. I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be maintained.

3. He has also ordered two other books - The Text of the Soviet Constitution, with an introduction by Sidney Webb and Foreword by Professor Gilbert Murray, Professor Harold Laski, Sir Bernard Pares, D.N. Pritt, etc., and "Over the North Pole" by George Beidukov.

Yours sincerely,
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Rajasevaprasakta B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Submitted for perusal, with references.

SECRETARIAT
25 JAN 1939
OF MYSORE.

1st December
1st January

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D.O.No.F.21/1939.

Bangalore, 28th February 1939.

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R.S. Ayyangar.

My dear Kesavaiengar

I am desired to refer to the correspondence ending with my demi-official letter No.F.21/1939, dated the 23rd February 1939.

R.S. Ayyangar has ordered two other publications from the Workers' Bookshop, 49 Farringdon Road, London E.C.1:-

(1) "Peace for our time" by Allen Hutt, Gordon Schaffer and George Darling, Published by the Labour Research Department, London,

(2) "The United Front" by George Dimitroff, published by Lawrence and Wishart.

These books are prohibited entry into India and an order has been issued for their detention if any copies are found in the

I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be maintained.

Yours faithfully
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Sreeyuth T.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.

1st May 1939.

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N.S. Ayyangar.

My dear Mr. Ramaiengar,

I am desired to refer to the correspondence ending with my demi-official letter No.F.31/1939, dated the 28th February 1939.

2. Mr. N.S. Ayyangar has ordered a prohibited publication "The History of the C.P.S.U", and an order has been issued for its detention in the post.

3. I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be maintained.

Yours sincerely,

For Mr. Trevelyan

To
Rajasevaprasakta B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Decision of 1st member

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This Gentleman is incorrigible.
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His Curiosity cannot be known on bounds.
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D.O.No.F.21/1939.

Bangalore, 25th May 1939

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N.S. Ayyangar.

My dear Mr Kesavaiengar,

I am desired to refer to the correspondence ending with my demi-official letter No.F.21/1939, dated the 1st May 1939.

2. Mr. N.S. Ayyangar has asked the Workers Bookshop Ltd., London, whether certain periodicals are allowed circulation in India, amongst which the following prohibited publications have been mentioned :-

"World News and Views"
"Russia to-day"
"Labour research"

An order has been issued for their detention in the post.

3. I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be maintained.

Yours sincerely

for Mr. Trevelyan.

Rajasevaprasaktha B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Strictly Confidential
D.O.No.F.22/1939.

Bangalore, 24th August 1939.

N.S. Ayyangar.

Dear Kesava Iyengar

I am desired to refer to the correspondence ending with my demi-official letter No.F.21/1939, dated the 25th May 1939.

2. N.S. Ayyangar has sent a year's subscription up to July 1941 for the "Labour Monthly" of London, a prohibited publication. An order has been issued for its detention in the post.

3. I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be maintained.

Yours Sincerely,
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Rajasevaprasaktha B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Strictly Confidential
D.O. No.F.22/1939.

Bangalore, 12th September 1939.

SEP 15 1939
No. 2572

Sent.
This Gentleman persists in Correspondence for Communist literature. His entry Service and advice should not be issued by him unless accompanied by Kerala.

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W.S. Ayyangar.

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My dear Kesavaiengar,

I am desired to refer to the correspondence ending with my demi-official letter No.F.22/1939 dated the 24th August 1939.

2. W.S. Ayyangar has complained to the Secretary, the Communist Party of Great Britain, that although he sent him a registered postal order for 16 shillings on the 8th August as a year's subscription for "World News and Views" and "World Youths' Review" he has not yet received any acknowledgment and desires to know the reason. He has asked for the immediate despatch of these publications of the Communist Party of Great Britain. The publications are prohibited entry into British India and an order has been issued for their detention in the post.

3. I am to request that the secrecy of this correspondence may be maintained.

Yours sincerely,

Rajasevaprasakta
Mr. D.T. Kesavaiengar B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.